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About a week ago I added a cruise to my car but I needed the computer to be programed so it would actually work. I went to one chevy dealer that claimed they could do it but ended up not being able to. I then called 5 others in the area and none of them where able to (or wanted to) turn on cruise either.

I saw that Kaervak recently bought a Tech2 clone that looked liked it fully worked as a real Tech2. \$300 is a little steep of a price to pay though for something I may only ever use for turning on cruise control. I did some searching around for some cheaper alternatives and I came across this on the Corvette forms, A Tech2Win adapter. It's essentially the software of a tech 2 running on a windows computer and connects to the car through either a USB or wi-fi adapter. It was \$120 on amazon, a lot cheaper than a full hardware Tech2 clone and the dealers I was calling where somewhere around \$120 for a minimum shop time charge, so it seemed worth trying out.

It was delivered earlier today and in the box was the OBD2 adapter, a micro usb cable, and a CD of software. The software it came with included, GM MDI Manager, VX Manager, Tech2Win, and VMPlayer. I installed all of them except for VMPlayer as it's only needed if you'll be running the other software from inside a virtual machine.

Once the software/drivers where finished installing, The Tech2Win software was able to recognize the adapter and connect to the car. After going though some menus I got to the option programing and was able to turn on cruise control. Went out for a test drive and I can confirm that cruise control now works.

This this is a pretty cool device and probably the most advanced scan tool i'll ever own. As far as I can tell, anything that a real Tech2 can do, this thing can also do. If anyone has any questions about the Tech2Win feel free to ask me 😊

I've taken some photos and posted them to an imgur album as well as to an album on this site incase anything ever happens to imgur.

link to imgur album - <https://imgur.com/a/mpaJxgn>

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OldNuc

Super Member



Join Date: Apr 2008

Re: Took a gamble, bought a tech2 clone (Tech2Win)

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Join Date: Jul 2008
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Re: Took a gamble, bought a tech2 clone (Tech2Win)

I thought about getting the VCXnano instead of the full blown Tech2 clone, but decided against it mostly because it requires a laptop. Still a very cool piece of hardware though. Glad to see its worked well for you and that it's viable alternative to a full blown Tech2 setup. Thanks for posting about it.

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Location: Far Southwestern Iowa
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If you reset the hard stored trans adaptives be sure to read the relearn steps for that specific set of adaptives before doing it as you have the potential to mechanically damage the transmission.

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#10

RobertGary1
Master Member
Join Date: Jun 2005
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Re: Took a gamble, bought a tech2 clone (Tech2Win)

Do you also have to buy a tech2win subscription?

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#11

Mark_b
Member
Join Date: Feb 2017
Location: SC
Posts: 393
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Re: Took a gamble, bought a tech2 clone (Tech2Win)

You only have to buy subscription to program modules.
They now have a \$40 for one car for 2 years. (This lets you program modules for one VIN)
<https://www.acdelcotds.com/acdelco/action/subscribehome>

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Re: Took a gamble, bought a tech2 clone (Tech2Win)

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I did see an option to relearn crank position. I don't remember seeing one for transmission adaptive settings but I also wasn't really looking for it but I'd assume it's there without having to check

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#13

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Re: Took a gamble, bought a tech2 clone (Tech2Win)

It should be there if you have an automatic.

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That makes sense that they are emulating whatever OS the Tech2 hardware runs internally so they don't need to port the app.

-Robert

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Windows 7, 8 and 8.1 for sure have a 32 bit compatibility built in. Windows 10 is questionable as it depends on which version you are running. If things try to open and crash there are logs to look at and that can prove informative. XP and 7 are the safe bets to not be real difficult to start with.

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